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First Friday in Downtown Greensboro Tonight! May 1, 2009

Greensboro, N.C – The evening of Friday, May 1 assembles the largest First Friday event since the Festival of Lights celebration featuring more than 20 locations hosting art-based programming. The experience also introduces live outdoor music, the landmark Tape Art event kick-off and this Friday, Downtown visitors are invited to Shop By Bike! This First Friday event will be held rain or shine. For complete details on First Friday, Tape Art and Shop By Bike, visit www.downtownfridays.com!

Visit the following on First Friday, May 1:

- Experience eclectic art shows, pottery displays, photo restoration demonstrations, live theatre skits and a belly dance jam from venues stretching from Davie Street to Lyndon Street!
- Nationally-known tape artist, Michael Townsend, arrives in Greensboro tonight to transform several Downtown building facades with biodegradable tape landscapes through May 8. Kick-off site at Elsewhere Artist Collaborative at 606 & 608 S. Elm St starting at 6pm. The temporary installation is being brought to the center city by the Weatherspoon Art Museum at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. For media interviews, please contact Museum Curator of Education, Ann Grimaldi at 336-256-1448, 336-334-5770 or 336-207-1807 (cell).
- Decorate and ride your bike Downtown in support of Shop By Bike, an initiative by Bicycling in Greensboro and Ped Power to promote biking and healthy living in Greensboro. Remember to show your helmet to get discounts from participating merchants denoted by window posters today only.
- This First Friday enjoy street performances from Bluegrass pickin' group High Lonesome Strings (352 S. Elm, corner of Elm & McGee), Blues guitar duo, Terry VunCannon and Stan Atwell (315 S. Elm, outside of Cheesecakes by Alex) and Andrew the Juggler (corner of Elm and Washington near Salon Blu)

About First Friday

First Friday is sponsored through a partnership between Downtown Greensboro Inc. and United Arts Council of Greater Greensboro to promote and encourage participation in the Downtown Greensboro arts scene.

About Downtown Greensboro Inc.

Downtown Greensboro Incorporated is a non profit economic development organization established in 1997. Our core purpose is to lead the development of downtown Greensboro as a prosperous and vibrant urban center, memorable and meaningful for those who choose to live, work, play and invest here. Visit www.downtowngreensboro.net for more information.

About United Arts Council of Greater Greensboro

The UAC invests in our creative community. Our mission is to inspire growth of creative expression in our community by providing strategic and financial leadership to arts organizations, artists and educators that enhances quality of life and cultivates economic vitality and educational engagement with the Arts. Our vision is for Greensboro to be nationally recognized as a vibrant center for the Arts with a community rich in creative expression. Visit www.uacARTs.org for more information.